

Appl. No. 10/693,733
Atty. Docket No. 8323MD
Amdt. dated November 23, 2004
Reply to Office Action of August 26, 2004
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REMARKS

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has asserted a Restriction Requirement in the present application.

The Examiner has asserted the following groups.

Group I Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-10, 19-22 and 24-27 (in part), drawn to compounds and compositions in which $R^3 = R^4 = G^2 = H$; $G^1 = C_{1-20}$ linear or branched, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl or alkenyl; and $X = OH$, classified in class 564, subclass 123+.

Group II Claims 1-27, drawn to compounds and compositions in which the substituents above are other than as above, classified in numerous classes and subclasses.

Applicants' selected **Group I** with traverse.

Claims 19, 20, 25, and 28-41 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-10, 21-22, 24, 26, and 27 have been canceled.

Claims 4, 7, 11-18, and 23 have been withdrawn as being related to subject matter outside the scope of the subject matter selected in response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement.

Claim 19 has been amended to comprise the limitations of Claims 21 and 22.

Claim 20, which depends from allowable Claim 19, is pending.

Claim 25 has been amended to depend from Claim 19.

Claims 28-41 have been added to particularly point out and to distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention.

The Examiner has indicated the subject matter of Claim 22 is allowable if rewritten in independent form containing all of the intervening limitations. By the amendments herein, Claim 19 now contains the limitations of Claims 21 and 22.

Claim 19 being allowable, Claim 25 now depends there from and is also allowable.

The Claims as amended are in condition for allowance.

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Rejection Under 35 USC §102(b)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-10, 19-22 and 24-27 under 35 USC §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by DE 1,058,067.


The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-10, 19-22 and 24-27 under 35 USC §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by "Two New Improved Approaches to the Synthesis of Coumarin-Based Prodrugs" Zheng *et al.*, *Tetrahedron* 55 (1999) 4237-4254.

The Amendments to the claims obviate the Examiner's rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC §102(b) is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place the present claims in condition for allowance. WHEREFORE, entry of the amendments provided herewith, reconsideration of the claims as amended in light of the Remarks provided, withdrawal of the claims rejections, and allowance of Claims 19, 25, and 28-41, as amended, are respectfully requested. In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the noted claims, then the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned agent to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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